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RECOMMEND FOR: Acting Chief, DPO-X/P

SUBJECT: Communications and Notifications in Support of Detachment "X" Operations.

1. This memorandum contains recommendations in paragraph 7 for approval by Acting Chief, DPO-X/P.

2. Communications requirements in support of Detachment "X" operations were discussed with [redacted] and [redacted].

[redacted]. The various communications links were explored for rapidity, security, and availability. It was recommended that both IERALIST and USAF SSO channels be used. The only limitations to existing links are between Project Headquarters and USAF Special Activities and between [redacted]. Equipment and cleared operators are available to complete these installations if required.

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3. USAF Special Activities will be the only point of contact with the Air Force subsequent to the preliminary planning phase. Notification will be either by personal contact or direct communications link. Joint Chiefs of Staff, AFCTG-5, and subordinate Air Force commands will be notified through personal contact and USAF SSO channels.

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4. Each agency listed in Attachment # 2 will require timely information to properly support U-2 flights. Justification for Air Force organizations listed is command responsibility, coordination of reconnaissance and air defense operations, radar suppression and air traffic control.

5. Attachment # 1 contains a list of mission data considered necessary to various agencies.

6. Attachment # 2 contains a chart depicting notification required and action agencies.

7. Request approval of the following recommendations:

a. Install secure communications link between DPO and USAF Special Activities.

b. Use of Attachment # 2 as a guide for notification by IERALIST Section.

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c. Use of Attachments # 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 for  
IDEALIST SOP's.

d. Delay installation of direct link from  until the system is exercised and actual need  
confirmed.

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Lt. Colonel USAF  
Chief, Operations Branch, DPD-DO/P

Attachments (5)  
As stated above

The recommendations contained in  
paragraph 8 are approved:

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Colonel USAF  
Acting Chief, DPD-DO/P

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